

Senate Study Bill 3152 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing an additional homestead credit for disabled
2 veterans and including effective date and applicability
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 425.15A Disabled veteran tax
2 freeze.

3 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context
4 otherwise requires:

5 *a.* "*Base year*" means the fiscal year immediately preceding
6 the first fiscal year in which the additional homestead
7 credit under this section is allowed on the disabled veteran's
8 homestead.

9 *b.* "*Disabled veteran*" means either of the following:

10 (1) A veteran who is entitled to compensation or who, but
11 for the receipt of military retirement pay, would be entitled
12 to compensation under laws administered by the secretary of the
13 United States department of veterans affairs.

14 (2) A person who was discharged or released from active duty
15 because of a service-connected disability.

16 2. A disabled veteran who is eligible for the credit allowed
17 under section 425.1 may claim an additional homestead credit
18 pursuant to this section. To claim the credit under this
19 section, the disabled veteran shall file on or before June 30
20 of the base year for which the veteran is first claiming the
21 credit. The amount of the credit equals the amount of property
22 taxes, less the regular homestead credit allowed under section
23 425.1, due and payable in the coming fiscal year that exceeds
24 the amount of property taxes, less the regular homestead credit
25 allowed under section 425.1, that were due and payable in the
26 base year. The credit under this section is payable from the
27 homestead credit fund created in section 425.1.

28 3. Upon the filing and allowance of the claim, the claim
29 shall be allowed on the disabled veteran's homestead for
30 successive years without further filing as long as the property
31 is legally and equitably owned and used as a homestead by
32 the disabled veteran on July 1 of each of those successive
33 years. The credit allowed shall be continued to the estate
34 of the disabled veteran who is deceased or the surviving
35 spouse and any child, as defined in section 234.1, who are the

1 beneficiaries of the deceased, disabled veteran, so long as the
2 surviving spouse remains unmarried.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT AND APPLICABILITY. This
4 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
5 enactment and applies to property taxes due and payable in
6 fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2010.

EXPLANATION

8 This bill provides that the property tax on a disabled
9 veteran's homestead shall not increase from year to year. To
10 receive this credit, the veteran must file on or before June 30
11 in a manner similar to filing for the regular homestead credit.
12 Once the claim is filed and allowed, the veteran does not have
13 to file for successive years so long as the property is still
14 owned and used by the veteran as a homestead.

15 A disabled veteran is one who is entitled to compensation for
16 injuries from active duty or would have received compensation
17 but for retirement pay or is one who was discharged or released
18 from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

19 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to property
20 taxes due and payable in fiscal years beginning on or after
21 July 1, 2010.